

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

Kohshi YOSHIMURA et al.

Divisional of S.N. 09/605,866 filed **June 29, 2000**

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For: **ELECTROPLATING DEVICE, AND PROCESS FOR ELECTROPLATING WORK
USING THE DEVICE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 2001

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) A process for electroplating a work having a hole communicating
with the outside, using an electroplating device comprising an anode which is inserted through and
disposed in a hole provided in the work and communicating with the outside, a member for rotating
said work about its center axis and supplying a plating electric current to said work.

Please add new claims 11-13 as follows:

11. (New) A process for electroplating a work having a hole communicating with the outside, using an electroplating device comprising an anode which is inserted through and disposed in a hole provided in the work and communicating with the outside, a member for rotating said work about its center axis, and a member for supplying a plating electric current to said work.

12. (New) A process for electroplating a work according to claim 11, wherein said work having the hole communicating with the outside is a ring-shaped work.

13. (New) A process for electroplating a work according to claim 12, wherein said ring-shaped work is a ring-shaped bonded magnet.

REMARKS

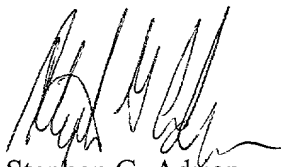
Claims 7-13 are pending. Claim 7 is amended and new claims 11-13 are added. A marked-up version showing the changes to claim 7 made by the present amendment is attached hereto as **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

DIVISIONAL OF S. N. 09/605,866

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) A process for electroplating a work having a hole communicating with the outside, using an electroplating device [according to claim 1 or 2] comprising an anode which is inserted through and disposed in a hole provided in a work and communicating with the outside, a member for rotating said work about its center axis and supplying a plating electric current to said work.

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